

## Message Text

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TAGS: ECON, AFSP, ALLOW, SA

SUBJECT: SHARP PRICE INCREASES IN JIDDA

1. POST IS CAUGHT UP IN SHARP PRICE INCREASES. RECENT EXAMPLES FOLLOW.

2. WHITE CEMENT PURCHASED ON MAY 5 FOR 44 SR PER BAG QUOTED MAY 11 FOR 54 SR PER BAG. 3.54 SR-US DOLLAR.

3. PLYWOOD 18MM PURCHASED ON MAY 5 FOR 56SR PER SHEET QUOTED MAY 11 FOR 80 SR PER SHEET. 3.54-US DOLLAR.

4. GRAY CEMENT PURCHASED FOR 30 SR PER BAG ON MAY 5 WOULD NOT BE SOLD TO EMBASSY ON MAY 11 DUE TO SAG CRACKDOWN ON DEALERS SELLING ABOVE THE OFFICIAL PRICE OF 18SR. 3.54 SR-US DOLLAR.

5. SHORTAGES OF ALL COMMODITIES DUE PRIMARILY TO MASSIVE BACKLOG OF SHIPS UNLOADING AT PORT. BUILDING BOOM ALSO CONTRIBUTES. PORTER

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